

REMARKS

Applicants respectfully request examination and allowance in view of the foregoing amendments and following remarks. In the Office Action, mailed January 23, 2003, the Examiner made all of the claims in the application subject to a restriction requirement. By this amendment, claims 28-52 have been cancelled. Following entry of this amendment, claims 1-27 will be pending in the application.

Restriction Requirement

In the Office Action, the Examiner placed all of the claims in the application subject to a restriction requirement. The Examiner restricted prosecution of the application to one of two groups: Group I, claims 1-27; and Group II, claims 28-52. Applicants hereby elect Group I, claims 1-27, without traverse. Applicants also request cancellation of claims 28-52, without prejudice or disclaimer. Applicants respectfully request entry of this amendment.

Conclusion

In view of the foregoing, the claims are believed to be in form for allowance, and such action is hereby solicited. If any points remain in issue which the Examiner feels may be best resolved through a personal or telephone interview, the Examiner is kindly requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

CHARGE STATEMENT: The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge fees that may be required relative to this application, or credit any overpayment, to our Account 03-3975, Order No. 053684-0300106 (LS-003).

Respectfully submitted,
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